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Coach's staff of "personal shoppers" was immediately busy helping dedicated patrons of the stylish, trendsetting items for men and women, as

several smiling customers departed carrying the distinct Coach shopping bag. "We heard earlier this week the Coach store was opening today," explained Rebecca and Stephen Bashore of Philadelphia, who are on Aruba for their honeymoon, "so we saved all our shopping for today, our last day on the island." They are going home with a belt for him and a new Coach wallet and purse for her.

"I was very pleased to see



Stephen and Rebecca Bashore are huge Coach fans

this is an entirely different collection of anything I have seen in the states," observed Rebecca, "and at really great prices. Now I have something from Coach I know I would never have found back home. I am an absolute Coach fanatic; it was worth the wait."

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Tropical, fun look to a classic favorite



Sheilah McCafferty Brand Manager of Coach

Special Workshop for Professionals in Infant-Maternal Care



Dutch experts making Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer's acquaintance.

ORANJESTAD -- The "Lech'I Pecho Aruba" (Breast feeding Aruba) organization was born on January 1st 2011. Representatives of health professionals and organizations involved in infant and maternal care came together and signed a covenant of cooperation to support the Lechi Materno group.

Together they formulated a National Plan dubbed Lech'I Pecho Aruba 2011-2015. The primary goal of this organiza-

tion is for all professionals and health instances to work together to assist mothers with more efficient breast-feeding.

One of their goals is to ensure that by 2015 at least 15% of all babies receive breast milk exclusively for up to six months. And that at least 50% of all babies receive breast feeding for up to six months after birth.

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A roster of stellar world class musicians on the roster for 1st lustrum of Aruba Piano Festival

Armand Simon, founder of the Da Vinci Academy of Arts and the annual Aruba Piano Festival, announces a distinctive line up of top classical musicians from around the globe for the 1st lustrum of Aruba Piano Festival.



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

At least 19 killed as 6.9 quake rocks India, Nepal

GUWAHATI (AFP) - A strong 6.9-magnitude earthquake hit northeast India yesterday, killing at least 19 people, including three caught in a wall collapse at the British Embassy in neighbouring Nepal.

The quake was felt across a wide region after it struck the small, landlocked Himalayan state of Sikkim -- which borders Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet -- at about 6:10pm (1240 GMT), according to the US Geological Survey.

The epicenter was just over 60 kilometers (40 miles) northwest of the Sikkim state capital Gangtok, where at least 60

people were injured and the town was plunged into darkness by a power cut after the quake.

"There is no electricity. Everybody is out on the road," Gangtok resident C.K. Dahal told the CNN-IBN television news channel.

"We all ran out of our houses, some even jumped out of their windows. You can see some buildings that have developed cracks," he added.

Tremors were felt in Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and the Indian cities of Guwahati and Kolkata, as well as 1,000 kilometres away in the Indian capital New Delhi.

In Nepal, police said three people were killed, including a motorcyclist and his eight-year-old daughter, when a wall collapsed at the British Embassy compound in the capital Kathmandu, 270 kilometers west of the epicenter.

"Another two died in a separate incident in eastern Nepal," national police spokesman Binod Singh told AFP.

A budget debate in Nepal's parliament was stalled for 15 minutes while lawmakers leapt to their feet and fled the chamber as the entire building shook.

Telephone landlines to Sikkim, India's least populous state, were knocked out and mobile networks were swamped, making communication with the affected area difficult.

The quake was followed by two strong aftershocks, one with a magnitude of 6.1, and



NEPAL, Kathmandu : People sit in a collapsed house damaged by the earthquake in Bhaktapur, some 12 kilometers southeast of Kathmandu. (AFP PHOTO)

the death toll may rise as reports arrive from remote communities.

Sikkim Chief Secretary Karma Gyatso told AFP that five people had been killed and 60 injured in and around Gangtok as the result of mudslides, building collapses and falling debris.

"We have reports of dozens of collapsed houses, and roads to many towns have been blocked by landslides," Gyatso said.

Nine other people died in India, including one reportedly killed in a stampede by panicked residents in Bihar state and four who were buried when a house fell down near Darjeeling.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called an emergency meeting of the National Disaster Management Authority, and Cabinet Secretary Ajit Seth said that air force planes carrying rescue teams and relief supplies had been despatched to Sikkim.

Priest sex abuse victims rally in Catholic Poland

WARSAW (AFP) - An international group representing victims of sexual abuse by Catholic priests rallied in central Warsaw yesterday to highlight the issue in the devoutly Roman Catholic country.

"It would be naive to think that there are no victims of sexual crimes by Polish priests. We suspect that there are children who have been violated and raped," SNAP president Barbara Blaine told AFP.

"We're here to reach out to the victims, so they know about organisations like SNAP," she said, referring to the Chicago-based Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP).

The organisation has asked the International Criminal Court (ICC) to prosecute Pope Benedict XVI and three other Vatican officials for crimes against humanity for "their direct and superior responsibility for the crimes against humanity of rape and other sexual violence committed around the world."

"Crimes against tens of thousands of victims, most of

them children, are being covered up by officials at the highest level of the Vatican," Pam Spees, a lawyer for the group said in a statement.

"Paedophiles in the church. We want the truth," read a banner held by SNAP representatives who rallied and distributed pamphlets outside the imposing Holy Cross church near Warsaw's Old Town.

The protest drew flak from some some of the faithful leaving after Sunday prayers.

"It's a lie to accuse Polish priest. Go to the US or England to protest," exclaimed Alicja Krawczyk.

According to Blaine, similar attitudes of denial were prevalent for years in the United States and Britain when the taboo issue was initially raised.

"Poland is at the beginning of a long road," Blaine, who founded SNAP in 1988, said.

SNAP representatives are currently on a European tour to raise awareness of their cause having already made stops several European capitals including Brussels, Berlin, Paris and Vienna before Warsaw.

Nigeria offers \$160,000 ransom on UN building bomber

LAGOS (AFP) - Nigerian's security service yesterday offered a 25 million naira (160,000 dollars/116,000 euros) reward for information on the "mastermind" of the August 26 bombing of UN building in Abuja that killed 23 people.

"A reward of 25 million naira is being offered for information that could lead directly to the apprehension or conviction of Mamman Nur ... identified as the mastermind" of the attack, the State Security Service (SSS) said.

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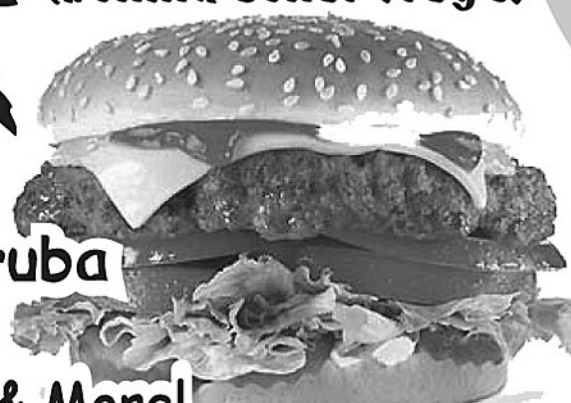
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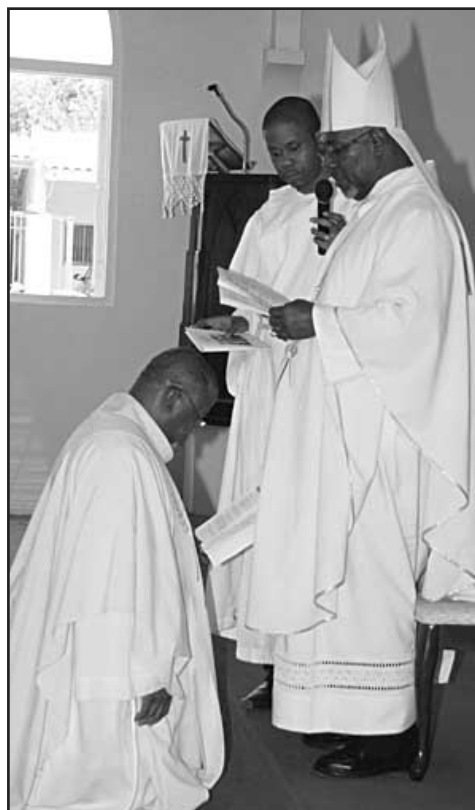
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Anglican congregation celebrates 30 years of spiritual leadership with Reverend Father Sydney Michael Jacob



Being reaffirmed by Bishop Errol Brooks

September 14, 1981, Reverend Father Sydney Michael Jacob, born and raised on Curacao, was first ordained as a deacon of the Anglican Church by now retired Bishop Oland Lindsey; it was performed in Aruba. For 30 years he has been an exemplary community and spiritual leader, and members of all ages of his present congregation expressed their admiration and gratitude for the role he has

played in their lives, during yesterday's Sunday services at the self-same Holy Cross Anglican Church in San Nicolas.

The Right Reverend Errol Brooks, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese to the North Caribbean and Aruba, was special guest from Anguilla to acknowledge Father Jacobs during the morning service and deliver the day's sermon.

Reverend Sidney Michael Jacobs received his advanced education at Colegio Peter Stuyvesant in Curacao and the Cuthrington College/University of West Indies in Barbados. It was during this time, revealed his sister, Camilla Nicholson-Jacobs, that "he took two years out of his studies, to work at the Dokmaatschappij in Curacao, while evaluating if what he was sensing in his soul was truly a calling from His Heavenly Father."

Before settling in as the pastor of Holy Cross Church in San Nicolas, he served as a curate at St. John's Cathedral, Antigua from September 1981 to 84. He was then assigned as parish priest of Christ Church with Holy Trinity in Saba and St. Mary Magdalene in St. Eustatius from October 1984 to 86.

On November 1, 1986, he returned to the church where he was originally ordained, and has "faithfully served up to this day."



Father Sydney Jacob

Congregation member Shirley Charles recited Father Jacob's history for Sunday's gathering; after completing her recitation, many parishioners joined her in singing "We Appreciate you Father Jacob."

Father Jacob has proved during his ministry that he is not afraid to take a stand on controversial issues, being one of the first clergy to invite guest speakers and conduct workshops on HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean and hosting the annual HIV/AIDS Candlelight Memorial conducted annually by The Women's Club of Aruba at the church a few years ago.

"A commitment to living according to kingdom values might have branded Father Jacob as foolish in the eyes of the world," declared Camilla, "but it has certainly brought honor to our God and blessings to the many persons he has ministered to."

Following the weekly Sunday Service a celebratory social hour with music by popular local group Bito and the Boys was enjoyed by all in the church courtyard.

by Rosalie Klein

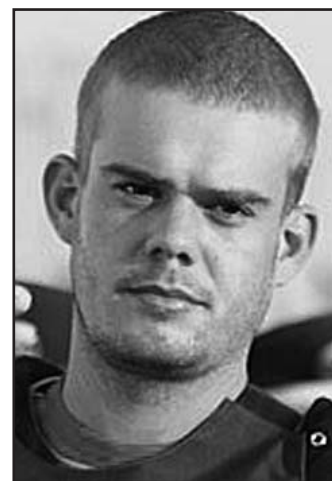
Peru to beef up Joran van der Sloot charges

LIMA, Peru -- Peru's Public Prosecutor has been ordered to reconsider the charges is has brought against Dutchman Joran van der Sloot, who is accused of killing Peruvian student Stephany Flores in his Lima hotel room on 30 May 2010.

At the first public hearing, on 12 September 2011, Mr Van der Sloot was charged with murder and robbery. The Public Prosecutor called for a 30-year jail sentence and damages of 50,000 euros.

The lawyer for the victim's family said the charges should not be "murder followed by robbery" but "robbery followed by murder", which carries a life sentence. He also rejected the 50,000 euro compensation as insufficient.

The judge hearing the case has instructed the Public Prosecutor to reformulate the charges,



which will delay the trial.

By December, Mr Van der Sloot will have been held on remand for the maximum 18 months allowed under Peruvian law. This could mean he will be released and await the remainder of his trial as a free person. The Public Prosecutor, however, can request an extension of his pre-trial detention.

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To be able to achieve this, all professionals in maternal care must be well trained in breast-feeding and in the proper motivation and guidance of mothers. Mothers with questions should get competent advice in the process of giving breast feeding to their infants and be encouraged to continue breast-feeding.

In the light of this objective, The Lech'I Pecho group has organized a workshop to be held from the 12th to the 22nd of September which will address the theoretical as well as the practical aspects of breast-feeding.

The workshop will include such aspects as "bedside teaching," in which professionals will learn how to guide young mothers. The group is receiving great support from St. Antonius Ziekenhuis in Nieuwegein, the Netherlands. UNICEF officially recognizes this Dutch hospital for being a

Baby Friendly Hospital.

Three Dutch experts will be conducting the workshop. The experts are: Erica Post, Pediatrician, Gerda Stam and Rhonda Albers both specialist in breast-feeding. The workshop is financed primarily by The Department of Public Health. But, they must mention the tremendous support received from Talk of the Town Resort & Beach Club, Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama and the local Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital.

Mothers in the hospital during the days of the workshop may be asked by the hospital to participate. Also, nursing mothers at home may also be requested to join in. They need as many mothers as possible so the Dutch instructors can teach and guide mothers and their babies in the best manner possible so as to make breast-feeding a successful undertaking.

Divi Resorts celebrate Housekeeping Week

The hard-working, dedicated members of the Divi Housekeeping Department celebrated Housekeeping Week with a schedule of fun activities designed to express appreciation and gratitude for a job well done. On Monday, members of the Housekeeping Department enjoyed breakfast at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, then on Tuesday they spent some time playing volleyball and snacking at sunset on the beach between the Tamarijn and the Divi Beach Resorts.

Another breakfast celebration, expertly catered by Intertotal, was hosted in the cafeteria at Divi Village, on Wednesday. Thursday delivered a change of pace, with a Total Latin Body Workout, on the terrace of Mulligan's Golf Café, Bar and Restaurant at Divi Links. On Friday,



the Housekeeping staff was picked up by bus, in the afternoon, heading straight to De Palm Island for a fantastic

few hours of sea and sun.

The program also included daily prizes raffled among colleagues, says Executive Housekeeper Rachel

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A roster of stellar world class musicians for 1st lustrum of Aruba Piano Festival



Armand Simon founder of Da Vinci Academy

Armand Simon, founder of the Da Vinci Academy of Arts and the annual Aruba Piano Festival, was proud to announce a distinctive line up of top classical musicians from around the globe will grace the stage of the Cas di Cultura for the 5th anniversary installment of this prestigious musical event.

Concerts, workshops and the famous Crescendo Piano Festival for Youth will fill the Cas di Cultura daily with a varied program from Sunday, September 25 through Saturday, October 1. "This year is the most diverse and exciting collection of talent we have ever presented," commented Mr. Simon. "We have some

very fine vocalists joining the musicians on stage, and we are offering shorter works and greater variety with each recital; I think the audience will find it lively and stimulating."

The festival opens at 4:00 PM this coming Sunday with "Liszt: The Piano Virtuoso." Featured performers are Alan Weiss, a veteran of the festival and described as "one of the outstanding pianists of his generation" by legendary Czech pianist Rudolf Firkušný. Joining him on stage will be Chinese pianist Tian Lu, Jura Margulis, originally from Russia and raised in Germany, now residing in the U.S. and a professor at J.W. Fulbright College in Arkansas; performing with them are Harold Martina from Curacao and Javier Rameix from Holland.

Monday evening the Crescendo competition featuring aspiring young concert pianists will start at 7:00 PM. Following the first round, six participants will be selected to go on to the finals, with the

winner announced at the end of the evening.

Tuesday will feature an evening of Italian music beginning at 8:00 PM. The diverse program will feature various ensembles. Vivaldi's Concerto RV 93 will be performed by Marlon Titre on guitar, Nicaulis Alliey, flute, Mirjam Tschopp, violin and Timothy Park, cello. Marlon will duet with Armand for 2 Rondos by Giuliani and Nicole van Eer, a thrilling soprano, will perform arias from Italian operas, accompanied by Armand. Alissa Margulis on violin will duet with Jura to complete the evening's program.

Wednesday the company will perform "An Evening with Schubert and Brahms;" Thursday will be a global tour of music with "Sounds of the World." Friday night will feature the great German composers, Bach, Mozart, Haydn, and Mendelssohn. All formal concerts begin at 8:00 PM. Noted local soprano Tica Giel will join the company on stage along with featured

guest cellist Timothy Park, from New York and pianist Lucille Cheung from Montreal.

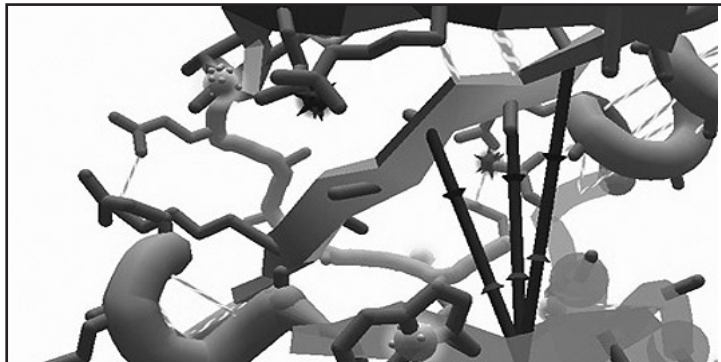
The week will finish on Saturday, October 1 with a tribute to "one of the living legends of the Caribbean" the internationally applauded pianist and composer from Curacao, Wim Statius Muller. Tickets for individual performances are 25 Aruban florins, (\$14 U.S.) or a full pass for the week can be purchased for 100 Aruban florins, (\$57 U.S.) Tickets for the Crescendo Competition are 10 Aruban florins (\$5.70)

Tickets can be purchased at Plaza Bookshop in Dakota or at the Da Vinci Academy adjacent to the Cas di Cultura. For more information call 588-9926 or visit their website: <http://www.arubapianofestival.com>. Updates can be found on the Aruba Piano Festival Facebook page, where selecting the "like" button can win FB users free tickets to the concerts.

by Rosalie Klein

SCI-TECH

Online gamers crack AIDS enzyme puzzle



Foldit game screen

PARIS (AFP) - Online gamers have achieved a feat beyond the realm of Second Life or Dungeons and Dragons: they have deciphered the structure of an enzyme of an AIDS-like virus that had thwarted scientists for a decade.

The exploit is published on Sunday in the journal Nature Structural & Molecular Biology, where -- exceptionally in scientific publishing -- both gamers and researchers are honoured as co-authors.

Their target was a monomeric protease enzyme, a cutting agent in the complex molecular tailoring of retroviruses, a family that includes HIV.

Figuring out the structure of proteins is vital for understanding the causes of many diseases and developing drugs to block them.

But a microscope gives only a flat image of what to the outsider looks like a plate of one-dimensional scrunched-up spaghetti. Pharmacologists, though, need a 3-D picture that "unfolds" the molecule and rotates it in order to reveal potential targets for drugs.

This is where Foldit comes in.

Developed in 2008 by the University of Washington, it is a fun-for-purpose video game in which gamers, divided into competing groups, compete to unfold chains of amino acids -- the building

blocks of proteins -- using a set of online tools.

To the astonishment of the scientists, the gamers produced an accurate model of the enzyme in just three weeks.

Cracking the enzyme "provides new insights for the design of antiretroviral drugs," says the study, referring to the lifeline medication against the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

It is believed to be the first time that gamers have resolved a long-standing scientific problem.

"We wanted to see if human intuition could succeed where automated methods had failed," Firas Khatib of the university's biochemistry lab said in a press release.

"The ingenuity of game players is a formidable force that, if properly directed, can be used to solve a wide range of scientific problems."

One of Foldit's creators, Seth Cooper, explained why gamers had succeeded where computers had failed.

"People have spatial reasoning skills, something computers are not yet good at," he said.

"Games provide a framework for bringing together the strengths of computers and humans. The results in this week's paper show that gaming, science and computation can be combined to make advances that were not possible before."

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US satellite may crash back to Earth Sept 23: NASA

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A 20-year-old satellite that measured the ozone layer is expected to crash back to Earth late this week, but NASA said recently it still does not know where it will fall.

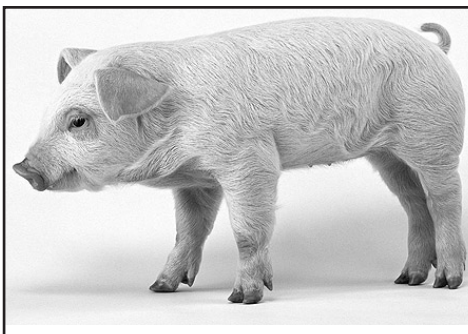
The US space agency stressed that the risk to public safety from the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS) is "extremely small," and said that most, but not all, of the gear will burn up on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

"Re-entry is expected Sept. 23, plus or minus a day. The re-entry of UARS is advancing because of a sharp increase in solar activity since the beginning of last week," NASA said in a brief update on its website.

The 35 by 15 foot (three by 10 meter) spacecraft weighed 13,000 pounds (5,900 kilograms) and toted 10 scientific instruments for measuring wind, temperature and ozone chemistry. It was officially decommissioned in 2005.

It also urged anyone who comes across what they believe may be space debris not to touch it, but to call authorities for assistance.

China clones castrated quake hero pig



Post reported.

The births over the past few weeks of six piglets happened even though Zhu had been castrated before the quake, suffered severe trauma from being buried for 36 days, and is five years old -- or about

60 in human terms.

"But the wonderful pig surprised us again," Du Yutao, the leader of the cloning project, told the Post.

The 330-pound (150 kilogram) hog reportedly survived in the ruins of its sty by chewing charcoal and drinking rainwater.

His offspring reportedly bear a striking resemblance to their dad, including a birthmark between their eyes, the Post reported.

CHINA -- A heroic pig who survived more than a month buried under rubble after the 2008 earthquake in China's Sichuan province has been successfully cloned, according to a report Sunday.

Scientists in the southern city of Shenzhen performed the experiment on Zhu Jianqiang, or "Strong-Willed Pig", and produced six offspring with DNA identical to their dad, who was hailed as a national hero following his harrowing ordeal, the Sunday Morning



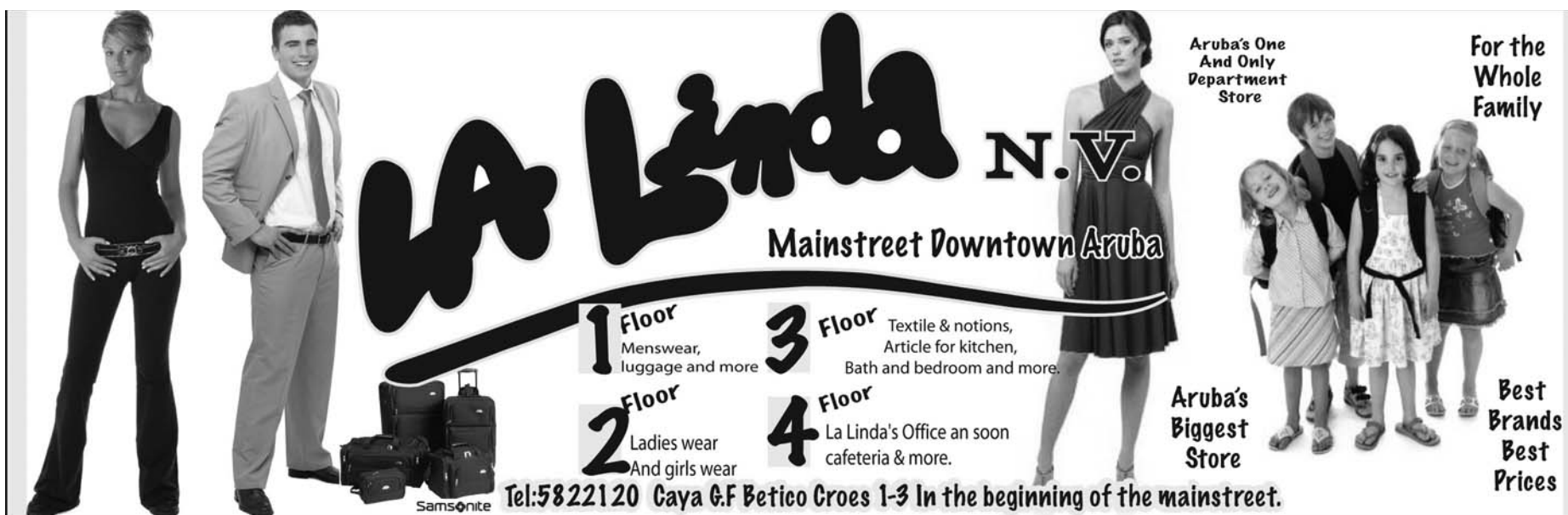
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Health & Living

Drug-resistant bacteria top agenda of medical convention

CHICAGO (AFP) -- The emergence of bacteria resistant to antibiotics and efforts by scientists trying to cope with the problem topped the agenda at a medical convention here this past weekend.

"The emergence of antibi-

otic-resistant bacteria worldwide is clearly the hot topic because one can observe bacteria becoming more resistant everywhere," and more frequently outside of hospitals, said Doctor Laurent Poirel, a specialist in infectious dis-

eases at Kremlin-Bicetre Hospital near Paris.

Many studies of such bacteria are presented to the 51st convention of the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), which brought together 9,000 participants, including 6,000 researchers from around the world.

"If we do not do something soon, we will lose the war against microbial resistance, which would pave the way to the next pandemic," warned Doctor Jean Cardet, consultant to the World Health Organization, which in April launched an initiative against it, advocating moderate use of antibiotics.

Cardet cited the E.coli bacteria responsible for the deaths of 51 people this year in Europe, especially in Germany, where it displayed super-resistance.

It was similar to the super-bacteria that last year came from India and was named NDM-1.

In fact, the bacteria had a gene that produces an enzyme capable of destroying antibiotics, a mechanism that is now observed in other microbes.

Speaking to AFP in Chicago, Doctor Cardet cautioned that it was important to make a distinction between bacteria known as Gram-positive such as golden staphylococcus and Gram-negative, such as E.coli, salmonella and pseudomonas.

The latter account for 60 percent of all infections and have been the pathogens against which the "current arsenal of antibiotics has had the greatest difficulty coping."

British surgeons separate conjoined Sudanese twins



AFP photos depict above: Baby girls Rital and Ritag Gaboura, two conjoined twins, are seen at the world famous Great Ormond Street Hospital in London in April. Surgeons at the British hospital have successfully separated the one-year-old conjoined twins from Sudan, the charity which funded the procedure said. Below: Rital and Ritag after being successfully separated. While conjoined twins are very rare, craniopagus twins are even rarer, and only one in ten million sufferers survive to infancy. One month after their separation on August 15, however, they are happy and do not appear to be suffering any neurological side effects from the operation, according to British charity Facing the World. After their birth on September 22, 2010, in Khartoum, the twins' parents asked the charity to fund and organise their possible separation. The separation was carried out in four stages by a surgical team working for free. Two operations were performed in May, tissue expanders were inserted in July and the final separation was carried out on August 15.

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tions go for beige or golden tones avoid pinks.

* Avoid powders if your skin is dry, but apply a soft shade blusher on the cheekbones going outwards and slightly upwards.

* Go for the soft look while applying eye make-up. Avoid eyeliners, use eye shadow or eye pencil to line the upper lids. Draw a line close to the lashes.

* Avoid harsh black eye pencils, go for brown or grey shades instead.

* Mascara helps to brighten eyes. Use a brush to separate the lashes for a natural look.

* Redefine the lip line with a lip pencil and fill in with lipstick, using a lip brush.

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Tracy Cahoon of Cleveland, Ohio, honeymooning on Aruba with her husband Chris, is also now "in love with Coach" since he gave her one of their handbags as a wedding gift. "Her friends steered me towards Coach, as they all have their accessories and

swear by them for style and quality," he commented. Since acquiring her first pocketbook, Tracy expressed "I am determined to get lots more Coach."

Brand Manager Sheilah McCafferty was on island preparing for the shop's first day of business, which was done without fanfare, but still enjoyed a very satisfying reception from the initiated and the curious. Accessories sporting a classic and timeless styling, a signature of the brand, which is celebrating 70 successful years this year, are contrasted with some unique items in bold colors, so very well suited to Aruba's year-round tropical ambiance and lifestyle. The distinctive collection offers the rich colors and textured leathers so perfect for fall ensembles, while keeping in mind the environment of its location with some really kicky, fun fashion.

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special activities.

On Thursday, the employees took part in a Trivia contest with questions regarding general knowledge of Holiday Inn hotels and their standards, thus contributing to increased guest satisfaction.

Friday, the celebrants enjoyed an award luncheon in the Da Vinci Restaurant, where employees were recognized for their exemplary job performance over the past year. Ernesto Jones was named Houseman of the Year; Magdalena Violenus Room Keeper of the Year and Edseline Tromp was recognized as Housekeeping Coordinator. On Saturday the week closed off with a sunset sail on a catamaran.

It was a fun filled week for each employee, with the Holiday Inn management acknowledging their Housekeeping Department for its tremendous job and dedication.

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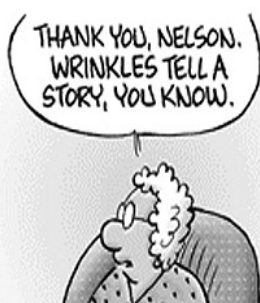
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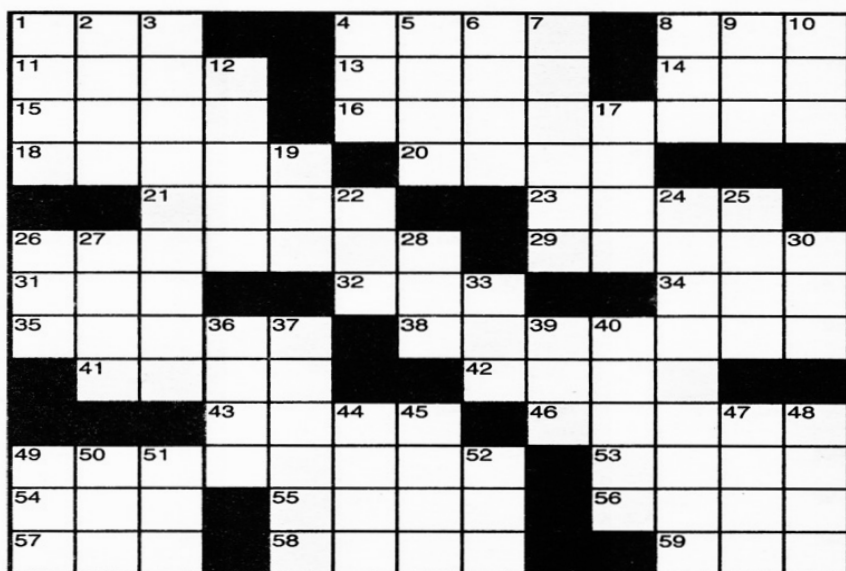
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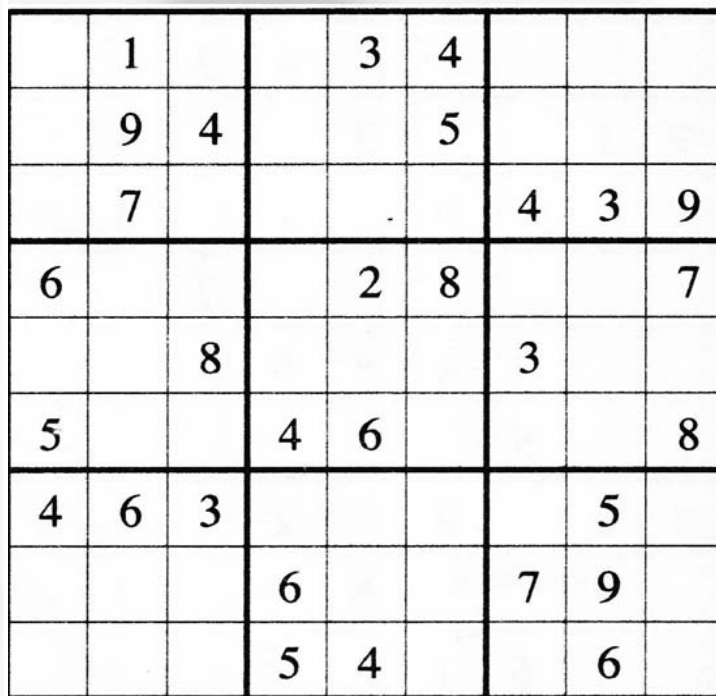
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Finance

UBS revises rogue trading loss upwards to \$2.3 bn

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss banking giant UBS yesterday revised losses due to rogue trading upwards to \$2.3 billion but the bank's chief executive insisted he would not resign, saying he bore no guilt.

In its first statement after Thursday morning's announcement on the rogue trades, the bank revealed that the losses previously estimated at \$2 billion arose from unauthorised speculative trading in S&P500, DAX and EuroStoxx index futures.

The true magnitude of the risk exposure had been hidden through "fictitious" positions allegedly executed by the trader, the bank said.

"These fictitious trades concealed the fact that the index futures trades violated UBS's risk limits," it said, adding that the trades -- carried out over the last three months -- have now been unwound and the situation brought back to normal.

"We have now covered the risk resulting from the unauthorized trading, and the equities business is again operating normally within its previously defined risk limits," it said, underscoring that no client positions were affected.

Despite the colossal losses, the bank's chief executive Oswald Gruebel said that he would not step down.

The chief executive also shrugged off Socialist calls for his resignation as "all politi-

cal."

Pressure has been mounting on Gruebel since the unauthorised trades were uncovered.

Yesterday, Swiss tabloid Blick ran a headline saying: "Herr Gruebel, time to say goodbye."

The bank's honorary chairman Nikolaus Senn told Swiss German television late Friday that he doubted that Gruebel could stay after the debacle.

Senn said that adequate checks were not implemented and criticised Gruebel for his over-reliance on the controls system to uncover problems.

For now, the bank has launched an internal probe on the case as well as on the adequacy of its control system.

Ex-Morgan Stanley executive David Sidwell will chair the panel probing the case. He is joined by former Swiss Re chief financial officer Ann Godbehere and Joseph Yam, ex-central banker of Hong Kong.

All three are members of the bank's board of directors.

Equities trader, 31-year-old Kweku Adoboli, was arrested in London in the early hours of September 15 on suspicion of the fraud.

The bank said that the trader, who was working in the global synthetic equity business in London, had revealed the rogue trades on September 14, after inquiries from the bank's control functions.

The case has sparked debate in Switzerland about the future of investment banking, which was also at the root of UBS' colossal losses in the US subprime crisis.

Former justice minister Christoph Blocher even suggested banning the business completely.

"We must seriously look at whether one should ban investment banking in commercial banks," the far-right politician told newspaper SonntagsZeitung in remarks published yesterday.

Republicans cry 'class warfare' over millionaire tax

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Leading Republicans yesterday spurned as "class warfare" an administration proposal dubbed "the Buffet rule" that would ensure millionaires are taxed at the same rate as the middle class.

President Barack Obama will make the proposal today, picking up on a repeated complaint by billionaire investor Warren Buffett that he pays taxes at a lower rate than his secretary, White House officials said.

"If he's feeling guilty about it, I think he should send in a check," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Buffalo on NBC's "Meet the Press." "But we don't want to stagnate this economy by raising taxes."

Senator Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, dismissed "the Buffet rule" as "just a political move by the president."

Increasing taxes on millionaires would add "a de minimis amount of money to the Treasury to pay off the debt," he said on CNN's "State of the Union" talk show.

"Tax code should be reformed for one purpose -- generate jobs. When you say we'll tax one percent of the economy, that's class warfare," said Graham, who called for reforms that would eliminate deductions and flatten income tax rates overall.

Echoing Graham, Representative Paul Ryan, a Republican from Wisconsin, said the administration's proposal was "going in the wrong direction."

"Class warfare... may make for really good politics but it makes a rotten economics," he said on "Fox News Sunday." "We don't need a system that seeks to divide people. We don't need a system that seeks to prey on people's fear, envy and anxiety."

Some millionaires get a big break because investment gains -- such as capital gains,

dividends and "carried interest" compensation paid to investment managers and hedge fund partners -- are taxed at a lower rate than wages.

They also only pay the Social Security payroll tax on the first \$106,800 of their income, the cut-off point for the tax.

Buffet, one of the world's richest men, has questioned the fairness of the system and suggested that the rich should be willing to pay more.

Obama will unveil the tax hike as part of a broader announcement at the White House on a long-term deficit reduction proposal.

He will not indicate a specific rate or provide other details such as how much revenue

the plan would raise, according to The New York Times, which first reported the story.

A special joint congressional committee is working on a bipartisan budget deal due by late November amid a new row between Obama and Republican lawmakers over the president's jobs bill, after Obama said he would finance the plan by ending tax breaks for oil and gas firms and individuals earning over \$200,000.

Republicans rejected the blueprint this week.

The millionaires' rate would affect just 0.3 percent of taxpayers, or fewer than 450,000 of the some 144 million returns filed for 2010, according to the Times.



GERMANY, Frankfurt am Main : German Chancellor Angela Merkel sits in a Volkswagen up! car during her tour to open the international Frankfurt motor show IAA (Internationale Automobil-Ausstellung) in Frankfurt/M., western Germany, on September 15, 2011. The world's biggest motor show, the IAA, is running from September 15 to 25, 2011. (AFP PHOTO)

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management de-

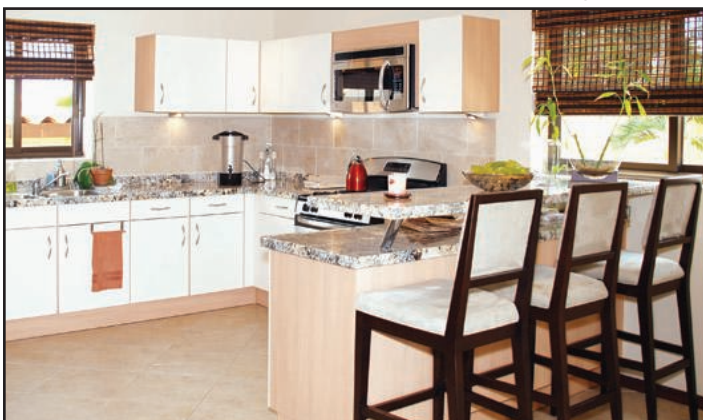


the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an



immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality

partment.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Discover the unique taste of Middle Eastern "fast food" at Yalla Yalla



A charming place to watch the world go by

Middle Eastern cuisine has its devotees, as it is very tasty and exotic, without being too spicy. Yalla Yalla recently opened its doors in the South Beach Center in Palm Beach, and if you have never tried the dishes unique to that region of the world, you are in for a treat.

Yalla Yalla literally means "fast," as these are the sort of dishes those from the region will enjoy when they want to grab a quick meal. The menu is more than reasonably priced, with a generous portion of tender Beef Shish Kabab or Shrimp Kabab, for those with a taste for seafood, costing only \$14.50.

A hefty serving of Lamb Shoarma is only \$12; Chicken Shoarma \$8, and the portions are big enough to share. Classic Middle Eastern side dishes such as Tabouleh and Hummus are served with freshly made pita bread; great for starters or a late night snack.

Yalla Yalla sports a lovely open air terrace, perfect for people watching, and is attached to the South Beach Lounge, where their singular



Beef Shish Kabab

snacks are also served.

In the mood for something a little more gourmet and interesting for dinner that won't ruin your budget?—Yalla Yalla has what you are looking for: a true dining adventure in charming surroundings and delicious food that is more than a little different from the staid old menu. Dinner is served from 6:00 PM until 1:00 AM nightly.

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Daughter of late senator Ted Kennedy dies

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Kara Kennedy, the 51-year old daughter of the late US senator and Democratic Party icon Ted Kennedy, died of an apparent heart attack, her family said Saturday.

Kara Kennedy "suffered an apparent heart attack following her daily work out," the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate said in a statement.

Kennedy, who had battled lung cancer, died suddenly late Friday at a Washington-area health club after her daily workout.

The oldest child of Ted Kennedy, who lost a battle to brain cancer in August 2009, Kara Kennedy is survived by



her two teenage children, her mother, her brothers Ted Jr. and Patrick -- a former Democratic Congressman who retired in January -- and her stepmother and stepsiblings.

A filmmaker and television producer who had once worked at a Boston television station, Kennedy was a producer for Very Special Arts, a non profit organization founded by her aunt Jean Kennedy Smith.

She was also a member of the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome advisory board.

"Kara was a warm and caring person," the Edward M. Kennedy Institute said. "Her magnificent strength in her successful battle with lung cancer was a quiet inspiration to all us and provided her family and fellow patients with hope."

Tight security as Oktoberfest opens, with prices up again



Visitors of the Oktoberfest beer festival drink beer in a beer tent at the Theresienwiese fair grounds in Munich, southern Germany. (AFP PHOTO)

MUNICH (AFP) - Munich's traditional beer festival kicked off Saturday under heavy security and with the price of a liter tankard at a record high.

City mayor Christian Ude,

a Social Democrat, tapped the first barrel on the stroke of midday and clinked glasses with the conservative governor of Bavaria, Horst Seehofer, to launch the 178th Oktoberfest.

Queues began forming early for the opening day, despite the price of 9.20 euros (\$12.70) per liter and complaints that up to a quarter of it is spilled on its way from the barrel to the table.



Three men prepare a beer barrel before the start of the Oktoberfest beer festival (AFP PHOTO)

Smokers were warned that they risk fines this year as

a ban will be strictly enforced in the 14 beer halls on the site.

Tight security measures are in place around the festival, seen as a possible target for attacks, including some 500 police on duty and 200 concrete blocks protecting the beer halls.

The Oktoberfest goes back to the marriage of King Ludwig I of Bavaria on October 12, 1810. In recent times it has been brought forward to September, when the weather is generally better.


Thousands of Taiwanese children set violin record

TAIPEI (AFP) - More than 4,600 Taiwanese schoolchildren came together for a mass violin-playing session on Sunday, breaking a world record that had stood for 86 years.

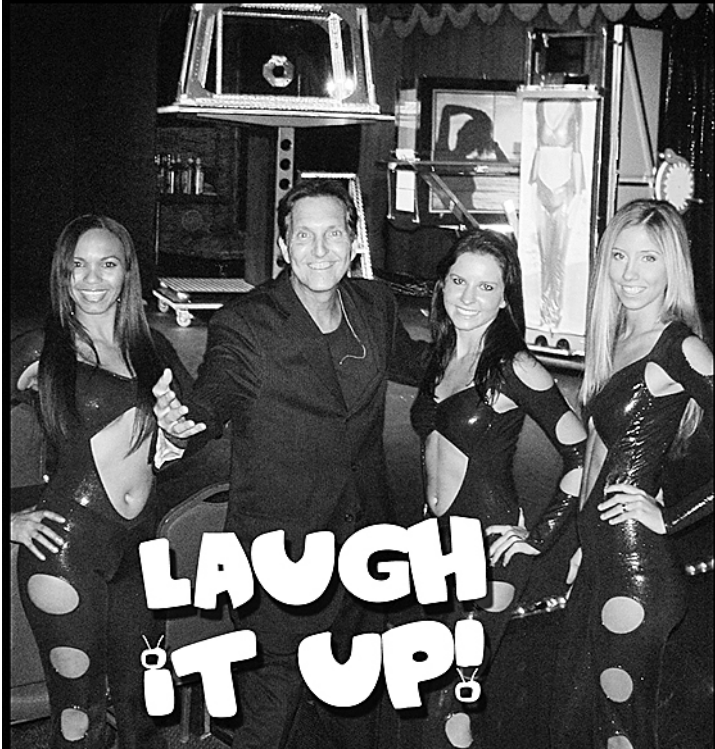
An official from Guinness World Records witnessed the event that brought together 4,645 children aged under 18 at a stadium in central Changhua county, the county government said.

The performance was 30 seconds longer than the required minimum of five minutes, it said.

"Creating a world record is not our goal. The event is to re-



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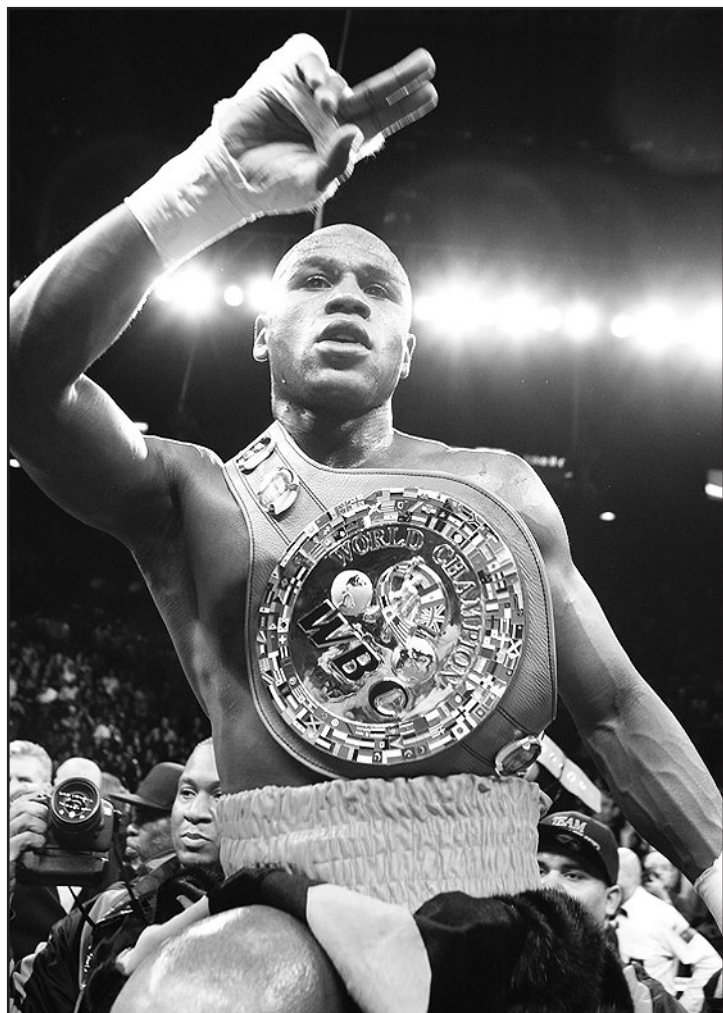
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view a music education promotion program for schoolchildren launched seven years ago," Chang Chueh-fen, a county official, told AFP.

The previous world record was set in 1925 in London when 4,000 violinists performed.

Mayweather wins title with controversial KO



Floyd Mayweather Jr. celebrates after defeating Victor Ortiz by knockout in the fourth round in a WBC welterweight title fight

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Floyd Mayweather dethroned WBC welterweight champion Victor Ortiz with a controversial blind-side punch in the fourth round of their lively title fight on Saturday in Las Vegas.

Mayweather knocked out Ortiz at 2:59 of the fourth as he hit the champion and fellow American after a break in the fight with a left-right combination while Ortiz had his hands down in the centre of the ring.

"It is protect yourself at all times. We touched gloves and

that is all she wrote," the still-unbeaten Mayweather said. "He did something dirty but we are not here to complain about what he did dirty or I did dirty."

Referee Joe Cortez had stopped the fight in mid-round to deduct a point from Ortiz for head-butting Mayweather in the corner during a vicious exchange of punches.

Ortiz had just finished apologizing twice to Mayweather for the head butt when Mayweather surprised him with a short left.

After the fight, Ortiz and his corner complained about the way the referee handled the final moments of the fight, but Ortiz also took some of the blame for not protecting himself.

"It was called a break and I did as I was told," Ortiz said. "I looked at the ref and then boom! I was out. There was a little miscommunication by the ref. But I have no one to blame but myself. It was a learning experience."

The MGM Hotel and Casino crowd booed the decision by Cortez to give the victory to Mayweather, who had been winning the 147-pound fight by a slim margin through the first three rounds.

Cortez said he had offi-

cially restarted the fight following the head butt and point deduction and that Mayweather had a green light to start punching again.

"Time was in, the fighter needed to keep his guard up. Mayweather did nothing illegal," Cortez said.

The 34-year-old Mayweather is now 42-0 with 26 knockouts and looked impressive early despite taking 16 months off since his last fight.

On the undercard, veteran boxer Erik Morales, the last fighter to beat Pacquiao, stopped fellow Mexican Pablo Cesar Cano to win a title in a fourth weight division.

Morales battered and bloodied the younger Cano before the fight was stopped at the end of the 10th round by the corner of Cano, who was a late replacement and took the fight on with just a few days' notice.

The HBO telecast also included Saul "Canelo" Alvarez keeping his 154-pound WBC title belt by stopping Alfonso Gomez at 2:36 of the sixth round.

Alvarez raised his record to 38-0-1, with 28 KOs.



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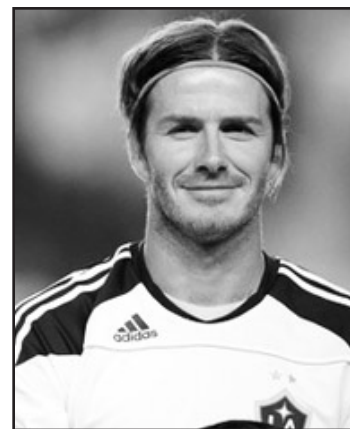
PSG interested in signing Beckham

LONDON (AFP) - French club Paris Saint-Germain are interested in bringing former England captain David Beckham to the Ligue 1 side, sporting director Leonardo revealed recently.

Beckham, 36, made a surprise switch to LA Galaxy in Major League Soccer in 2007.

But the former Manchester United and Real Madrid star was unable to trigger the hoped-for explosion of interest in football in the United States and quickly became a bit-part player with England as well.

Leonardo said however he



had been impressed by the midfielder when he was loaned to AC Milan by LA Galaxy.

"I coached him at AC Milan and we created a good relationship," the former Brazil international told BBC Sport.

"He is more than a football player, but when you see him every day he trains and plays like a kid.

"He is someone that I really appreciate and admire so much - his values and everything he has done in football."

Asked whether the Qatari-owned club would consider signing Beckham, Leonardo said: "The door is open. He is more than a football player - he's a brand, a pop star. I would always consider him."

"He respects the rules, listens to you and wants the best for the team. That's why for me he is a big example. I worked with him and that's why I talk about his name."

Tired Murray hits out after Davis Cup rout

GLASGOW (AFP) - World number four Andy Murray insists the current schedule for top players must be changed to ease their workload after his tired victory in the Davis Cup against Hungary on Sunday.

Murray was forced to travel to Scotland to meet his Great Britain team-mates just one day after returning home from the US Open and next week he will be back on court in Asia at the Thailand Open in Bangkok.

It is the final part of a gruelling year-long schedule that has started to take its toll.

As well as the four Grand Slams and eight Masters 1000 events, players must also enter four other tournaments, while the ranking points are made up of results from 18 tournaments, so players will lose out if they play less.

Murray said: "The mandatory events is the worst thing. All you had to do originally was play in nine Masters Series and four slams, that was 13 events."

"I'm being quite open about it, some of the smaller

events, because the ATP's messed up the smaller tournaments by giving them 250 points, it doesn't really make much sense to play in, because 250 points isn't going to make hardly any difference.

The issue of the schedule and a feeling of a lack of power among the players came to the fore at the US Open, and a meeting is scheduled at the Masters in Shanghai next month, where Davis Cup dates are likely to be discussed.

French Open champion Rafael Nadal hinted at a players strike in protest at a calendar which required him to play Davis Cup just four days after losing in the US Open final in New York.

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Phillies clinch fifth consecutive title



Batting coach Greg Gross (L) hugs Raul Ibanez #29 of the Philadelphia Phillies after the Phillies defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 9-2 to clinch the National League East division championship

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Roy Oswalt pitched seven strong innings, Raul Ibanez blasted a grand slam and the Philadelphia Phillies clinched their fifth straight NL East title with a 9-2 win over St. Louis this past weekend.

The Phillies are seeking their third National League pennant in four years and second World Series title.

Philadelphia leads Major League Baseball with a 98-52 record and are four wins

away from setting a single-season club record.

Pitcher Oswalt (8-9) allowed no runs and five hits, striking out seven batters.

His teammate Brad Lidge got one out in the eighth after Michael Stutes got into a jam. Closing pitcher Ryan Madson finished with a seven-run cushion.

St. Louis dropped 4 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the wild-card race.

Spain defeat France for European title

KAUNAS (AFP) - Spain became the first nation to defend their European title since Yugoslavia in 1997 as MVP Juan Carlos Navarro scored 26 points in Spain's 98-85 victory over France in Sunday's final.

Pau Gasol collected 17 points and 10 rebounds while

Jose Calderon scored 17 points to lead Spain to their second European gold medal and 10th overall.

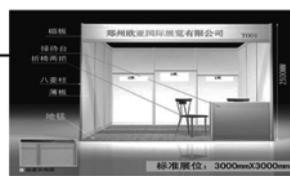
Rudy Fernandez chipped in 14 points and Marc Gasol had 11 points as the Spanish secured their sixth medal in the past seven European championships.

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Thompson becomes youngest LPGA winner at 16

PRATTVILLE (AFP) - American Lexi Thompson became the youngest champion in the LPGA's 61-year history, the 16-year-old prodigy firing a two-under par 70 on Sunday to capture the Navistar Classic by five strokes.

Thompson, who is seven months and eight days beyond her 16th birthday, finished 72 holes on 17-under par 271 at the \$1.3 million event to defeat compatriot Tiffany Joh five five shots and American Angela Stanford by six.

American Marlene Hagge won the 18-hole Sarasota Open in 1952 just two weeks past her 18th birthday to become what had been the youngest LPGA champion.

Thompson, who turned pro in June of last year, birdied the par-3 second and suddenly only playing partner Meena Lee of South Korea was within eight strokes of the lead, and Lee was six adrift.

A birdie at the par-5 eighth



gave Thompson a personal-record 20th birdie of the week. Lee birdied the ninth to stay within six but began the back nine with a bogey to leave Thompson seven clear of the field at 17-under.

Thompson, who made only three bogeys in the first three rounds, stumbled with back-to-back bogeys at 11 and 12, missing six-foot par putts on both holes as her lead shrank to five shots with six holes to play.

Lee birdied the par-3 13th to move within four shots but faded as Joh charged into contention with a run of four birdies in a row through the 15th hole to pull within three of Thompson.

Thompson had led after 54 holes earlier this year at Mobile, Alabama, and squandered the lead with a

last-round nightmare to finish in a share of 19th.

But Thompson made it clear that such bad memories were well in the past. After Joh had a short birdie miss at the par-3 16th, Thompson tapped-in for a birdie and sank another at 17 to seal the historic victory.

"That was a big shot," Thompson said. "I knew I was playing pretty good lately. I had a few struggle ones but I came through here. I was just trying to make good shots and smart plays."

After tapping in for par at 18, Thompson raised her hands in victory and her father Scott, who also serves as her caddie, embraced her.

"The feeling is unbelievable. I wanted to cry but I held back. It's awesome," Scott Thompson said.

Touchdown!



NASHVILLE, TN - SEPTEMBER 18: Kenny Britt #18 of the Tennessee Titans scores a touchdown as Domonique Foxworth #24 of the Baltimore Ravens defends during the second quarter at LP Field yesterday in Nashville, Tennessee.

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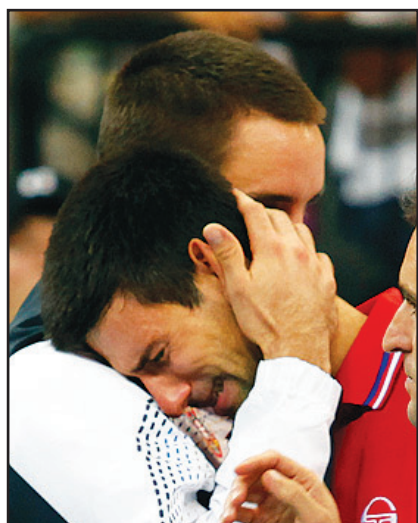
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Nadal on fire, Djokovic weeps as Spain, Argentina in final



Djokovic reacts after retiring from the match against Del Potro

PARIS (AFP) - Rafael Nadal led Spain to a 4-1 Davis Cup victory over France on Sunday, and a final date with Argentina, but there were tears for US Open winner Novak Djokovic whose injury-forced retirement saw champions Serbia slump 3-2 to the South Americans.

As Nadal brushed aside fatigue from his US Open final loss to Djokovic, to win two of his side's semi-final rubbers, the tearful Serb collapsed on court in agony in Belgrade with back pain less than a week after his Flushing Meadows triumph.

Nadal slayed France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-0, 6-2, 6-4 in Cordoba's bullring to secure the winning point after the world number two thrashed Richard Gasquet 6-3, 6-0, 6-1 in Friday's opening rubber.

"It's really unbelievable, the feelings are very, very emotional here today," said Nadal, who has a 18-1 win-loss record in Davis Cup and will compete in his sixth final.

Fernando Verdasco completed the rout for the hosts when he beat Gasquet 6-2, 6-1 in the final dead rubber.

In Belgrade, Djokovic admitted he had been carrying a back injury from the US Open as he retired while trailing 7-6 (7/5), 3-0 in the day's first reverse singles to Juan Martin Del Potro.

Djokovic, who missed the opening day's play, replaced Viktor Troicki in Sunday's line-up as captain Bogdan Obradovic tried to get the champions back into the tie in which they trailed 2-1 overnight.

"Of course I am very disappointed that the match ended this way," said the world number one.

"I tried, but it did not work, I was not even 60 percent ready, but we have accepted that risk although we knew that my injury could worsen," added Djokovic, who had needed treatment on his back during his US Open final win.

It was only the third defeat in 67 matches this season for the Serb -- two of them because of retirements.

Djokovic's absence on Friday had seen Serbia trail 2-0 before Troicki and Nenad Zimonjic defeated Juan Ignacio Chela and Juan Monaco 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 6-2 on Saturday to keep the hosts bid alive.

In the dead rubber, Monaco, who replaced David Nalbandian, retired after the first set against Janko Tip-

sarevic, which the Serbian player had won with 6-2.

Argentina will travel to Spain for the December 2-4 final as they bid to win their first Davis Cup trophy after finishing runners-up in 1981, 2006 and 2008.

The Nadal-inspired Spanish, who are looking unbeatable on clay, are bidding for their fifth title after 2000, 2004, 2008, 2009.

David Ferrer defeated Gilles Simon 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 on Friday before Tsonga and Michael Llodra kept France's hopes alive on Saturday when they beat Feliciano Lopez and Fernando Verdasco 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.

In World Group play-off ties, the Czech Republic completed a 5-0 whitewash of Romania to advance along with Japan who beat India 4-1.

Russia, Austria, Italy, Croatia and Canada also booked their berths in next season's World Group.

In Sydney, Australia and Switzerland will complete their tie today after fading light forced the final, decisive rubber between Lleyton Hewitt and Stanilas Wawrinka to be halted.

Wawrinka leads Hewitt 5-3 in the final set with the tie poised at 2-2.



A Steeler fan looks on before the start of the game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks on September 18, 2011 at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (AFP)

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